5. There will be total elimination of *invalid* votes.

6. Result of the election can be ascertained on the day of poll itself. This will result in tremendous savings on *bandobast*, arrangements for safe storage of ballot boxes before they are taken up for counting, elaborate law and order arrangements on the day of counting, etc.

7. No rigging is possible at the time of counting. All complaints about irregularities and illegalities in counting which are being often made now would be totally eliminated.

8. The minimum campaign period can be reduced from 20 days as at present to any reasonable shorter period. (The present 20 days minimum period has been prescribed keeping in view the fact that crores of ballot papers have to be printed during this period at the time of a general election).

9. Combination of two or more polling stations located in the same premises is possible as one machine can record as many as 9999 votes.

10. Provision of mobile polling stations is also a distinct possibility.

Setting up of High Court Benches in Western and other parts of Uttar Pradesh

3484. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 309 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th August, 1988 and Starred Question 345 on the 6th December, 1988 respectively and state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to receive communication from the Uttar Pradesh Government with regard to the recommendations of the Jaswant Singh Commission on the setting up of High Court Benches in Western and other parts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Violation of FERA by M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd.

3485. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in 'the Indian Express' of the 31st January, 1988 (Pune Edition) to the effect that the Director of CBI has handed over to his senior official in the CBI a letter alleged to be from Mr. Hershman which was used to interrogate Mr. Gurumurthy and Mr. Bhure Lal in connection with FERA violation by M/s. Reliance Industries Limited and its London based agents, Shahs Louis Dreyfus Corporation, J. K. Doshi and Saleem;

(b) whether the letter was also shown to the judicial authorities in the case filed by CBI against Mr. Gurumurthy as reported and if so, what are its contents thereof; and

(c) whether any final report has been received on FERA violation by the five gentlemen mentioned in the news-item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No such letter from Mr. Hershman was received by Director, C.B.I. and therefore, the question of handling it over to a senior official did not arise.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.